

secretary, M. Flury de Chaboulon, who were travelling together in haste, found Napoleon in a state which indicated the feelings of his mind. It was hence that he sent orders to Generals Rapp, Leclerc, and Lamarque, to collect what troops were left in France, and proceed by forced marches towards Paris; and at the same time the commanders of every fortified town on the roads leading to the capital were directed to defend themselves to the last extremity, in order that time might be gained to concentrate troops to prevent the Allies from entering Paris. It was at Philippeville that Napoleon dictated two letters to his secretary, to be forwarded immediately to his brother Joseph, the substance of which is thus stated : the first was to be communicated by that Prince to the Council of Ministers, which, however, by no means contained the whole, of the fatal result of the battle; the second was a private letter to Joseph, giving him *all* the details of the day, and of the complete discomfiture of the army. He concluded this letter by saying, " All is, however, not lost; when I shall have collected my forces I expect I shall have 150,000 men; those of the National Guards, who are still attached to me, will furnish at least 100,000; the battalions in depot can supply 50,000, consequently I shall have 250,000 to oppose to the enemy: the best horses of Paris must be employed for the artillery. There must immediately be a levy of 100,000 recruits to be armed with the arms of the Royalists. I will cause a levy *en masse* of the provinces of Burgundy, Lorraine, and Champagne, for I am determined to crush our enemies, But to accomplish all this you must aid

me. immediately, I
am going to Laou. I. have not yet
heard of Grouchy; if lie
in not taken prisoner, or IUH eorpn
destroyed, which I much
fear IB the cam*, I may have in three
dayn 50,000 men more,
which will finable me to engage, the
attention of the Allies,
and thus give time to Parin and to
Franco to do their duty,
The English troops march very slowly,
and the Prussians,
fearing our do not dare to advance.
All may yet go
well: write me word as to the effect
which this skirmish, has
produced in the Chamber. I believe
that the deputies will